FMCSA Registration - New Feature Added to SAFER

Beginning January 3, 2005, FMCSA will combine two registration websites (http://usdotnumberregistration.com and http://diy.dot.gov) that will provide a more streamlined way to offer motor carriers, brokers, freight forwarders, hazardous materials carriers/shippers and cargo tank facilities the ability to file for USDOT number registrations, operating authority (MC/FF/MX numbers) registrations or update their registrations on one website at one time. To access this new registration website go to http://safer.fmcsa.dot.gov then click on "FMCSA Registration & Updates."

Key features of this new website:

- Provides the ability for the user to answer specific questions required to register
 with the FMCSA. After the answers are compiled, the system will direct the users
 to the specific applications needed to register with FMCSA to receive a USDOT
 number (MCS-150, 150A and 150B) or to register for operating authority
 (MC/MX/FF number).
- Allows interstate and intrastate motor carriers of Hazardous Materials (HM) can register to request a HM Safety Permit (new on-line feature)
- Allows individuals to request copies of rating request letters or USDOT notification letters.
- For operating authority transactions, provides carriers with a registration tracking number and a personal identifier. This new feature will allow users to stop their registration or update at any time during the process and return at a later time saving all the information already entered into the system
- Allows carriers the ability for on-line updates to their USDOT number registrations; file biennial updates; update the HM Safety Permit and Cargo Tank Facility registration; update their operating authorities (MC/FF/MX numbers) registration by filing a name or address change; reapply for a USDOT number after revocation or request their operating authority (MC/FF/MX number) be reinstated; and notify the FMCSA that they are no longer in business by voluntarily revoking their operating authority (MC/FF/MX number).

In addition customers will also be able to make civil fine payments via the SAFER website. When entering the SAFER website individuals will need to click on "Online Fine Payments" to access this feature.

This new combined website, along with many new features, provides FMCSA customers the ability for faster, easier access to FMCSA transactions while improving data quality.